Disciplinary Authority on the receipt of the Investigation reports in individual cases. The action aginst the public servants is to be taken by concerned Disciplinary Authority keeping in view, *inter-alia*, the facts of the case and the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission. Therefore the complainants are not informed by the Commission of the action taken on their complaints.

A total number of 217 letters were received from the members of Parliament during the period from 1.4.2000 to 30.6.2001 out of which 199 have been acknowledged. Letters which are not acknowledged are those which were not directly addressed to the Commission.

Buffer stock of foodgrains

*70. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the position of buffer stock of foodgrains till date;

(b) whether Government have drawn any strategy to utilise the buffer stock; and

(c) if so, the strategy to meet the demands of drought affected States like Rajasthan, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) As on 1.7.2001, 616.70 lakh tonnes of wheat and rice were available in the Central Pool as against the minimum buffer stocking norms of 243.00 lakh tonnes as per details given below:

(In lakh tonnes)

	Minimum Buffer Stocking norms	Stock Position
Rice	100.00	227.50
Wheat	143.00	389.20
TOTAL:	243.00	616.70

(b) Government has taken a number of measures to liquidate the excess stocks. These include, inter alia, increase in the allocation of foodgrains for BPL families under TPDS, downward revision of Central Issue Prices of wheat

and rice, open market sale of wheat and rice at reduced prices, allocation of foodgrains at BPL rates to the State Governments for undertaking Food for Work programmes, allotment of foodgrains at BPL rates for various welfare schemes and export of wheat and rice.

(c) Food for Work programme has been launched in the drought affected areas of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan. 15.48 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been made available to these States, free of cost, as per details given below:

(In tonnes)

	Rice	Wheat	Total
Chhattisgarh	407000	0	407000
Gujarat	31590	116515	148105
Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549
Maharashtra	10000	40000	50000
Madhya Pradesh	54424	158655	213079
Orissa	150000	0	150000
Rajasthan	0	568145	568145
TOTAL:	664563	883315	1547878

The Government has also decided to make special additional allocation of foodgrains to the drought affected States at BPL rates for distribution to the drought affected families (both BPL and APL) at the rate of 20 kg per family per month for a period of 3 months. So far special additional allocations have been made in favour of Orissa, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra as per details given below:

(In tonnes)

Name of the State	Special additional allocation given per months		
	Rice	Wheat	Total
Orissa	16000	4100	20100
Gujarat	27255	81764	109019
Rajasthan	—	123555	123555
Maharashtra	54818.67	109637.33	164456

In addition to the above, feed category foodgrains have been made available to the drought affected States free of cost.